

# Gillespie Field Development Council



#### A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego

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Jerry Hollingsworth *Chairman* 

Robert Parker Councilman

John Gibson *Vice Chairman* 

Rick Fordem *Councilman* 

Clifford Leary Councilman

# DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC APPROVAL June 20, 2006 MINUTES OF May 16, 2006

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MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	
Jerry Hollingsworth	Peter Drinkwater	
John Gibson	Lee Ann Lardy	
Robert Parker	Roger Griffiths	
Rick Fordem	Reggie Angquico	
Cliff Leary		

<sup>\*</sup>For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fordem made a motion that the minutes of April 18, 2006 be approved. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's Report.

#### 4. SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM PRESENTATION

Mr. Charles Pinney gave a PowerPoint presentation showing their plan to relocate the Air and Space Museum from Kenney Street to Marshall

Avenue. The Museum will include a theater, restaurant, conference rooms, offices, flight simulator and an area for aircraft restoration. They will present their business plan to the GFDC on August 2006 for approval.

#### 5. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

#### 6. CITY OF EL CAJON NEW PISTOL RANGE LEASE

County Airports and the City of El Cajon have reached agreement on a proposed new lease for the Pistol Range. The term of the proposed lease is fifteen (15) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and terminating July 31, 2021.

Mr. Fordem made a motion to approve and Mr. Parker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### 7. FIRST AMENDMENT WITH JET AIR FBO, LLC

The proposed amendment provides additional language regarding any loans on the leasehold interest entered into by Jet Air. All other lease terms remain unchanged.

Mr. Leary made a motion to approve and Mr. Gibson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### 8. <u>AIRPORTS DIRECTOR UPDATE</u>

Mr. Drinkwater announced that Airport Drive and Wing Avenue are owned by the County and there should be no problems closing it down during the development of Cajon Air Center.

#### 9. AIRPORT MANAGERS UPDATE

Mr. Griffiths related that the Good Neighbor Program initial meeting was on April 26, 2006. The meeting went well and future meetings will continue.

# 10. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

Mr. Barry Bardack reported that the Good Neighbor Program (GNP) has 4 primary purposes: 1) To inform Homeowners of the value, necessity and federal requirement of Gillespie Field being a 24/7 airport, 2) To explain Gillespie's operational procedures and how and why these procedures are used, 3) To listen to homeowners concerns, and 4) To explore ways to resolve or mitigate those concerns.

After the GNP was announced. Mr. Bardack stated that Ms. Chafetz wrote a letter to Supervisor Dianne Jacob filled with misrepresentations, exaggerations, distortions and unsubstantiated accusations before giving the GNP a chance to work, thereby displaying an apparent contempt for the program, GFDC and County Staff. Mr. Bardack pointed out that there are errors in Ms. Chafetz's letter. She is apparently misinformed as to the function of the GFDC and the function of the Airport Land Use Commission. Mr. Bardack stated that since GFDC and Gillespie Pilots Association (GPA) are obviously biased in favor of the airport, it is reasonable that she would question the information provided to her by the GFDC and GPA when it conflicts with information she received from Mr. Michael Crescitelli. Mr. Crescitelli has stated that he is a single & multi engine pilot with over 5,000 hours and 35 years of experience. Through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), FAA records show Mr. Crescitelli received his certificate on May 23, 1971 with only a private pilot single engine land rating and his last medical was dated May 1977. This is 8 years experience not 35 as he claims and was over 27 years ago.

Mr. Bardack concluded that it is highly unlikely that he accumulated anywhere near his claimed 5,000 hours in 8 years. By Mr. Crescitelli's admission, he has not flown for some time so even by his own accounts he has not been flying for the number of years he claims. Mr. Bardack stated that at the GNP meeting, he asked Mr. Crescitelli about this and he claimed that the FAA records were in error. Mr. Crescitelli has avoided all attempts to meet with him to discuss this and to clarify other erroneous statements he has made. To check the accuracy of FAA records, Mr. Bardack requested Mr. Hollingsworth's, Mr. Leary's, Mr. Fordem's and his own FAA records and found that all were accurate. Mr. Bardack believes that Mr. Crescitelli is apparently spreading misinformation which is causing unwarranted fears and is counter productive and damaging to the GNP.

Mr. Bardack recommended that County Staff verify his findings and to inform Supervisor Dianne Jacob of Mr. Crescitelli's misrepresentation of his credentials. Mr. Bardack feels that members of the GNP should be willing to discuss the issues in good faith, are true representatives of their neighborhoods and are willing to understand airport and aircraft operations.

Mr. Fordem recommended that the GFDC not take the lead in the Good Neighbors Program and should let County Staff direct the program.

Ms. Betty Chafetz related that her letter was not meant to undermined the GNP and that it contained sincere concerns of many residence that are suffering from the effects of low flying aircrafts.

Ms. Karen Gomes questioned how the streetlights that will be produced by the development at Rattlesnake Mountain will affect pilots flying in that area. She suggested that this concern be brought to the attention of the developers.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

### 12. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

No new business.

Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2006 in City Council Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon.

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•	Reggie Angquico,	Office Support Specialist